

# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

June 19, 2022

## Father's Day Blessings

*The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face shine on you  
... and give you peace.*

*- Numbers 6:24-26*

*May you find Christ here . . . May you bring Christ to the world*

### Sacraments and Parish Information



#### BAPTISM

Scheduled every Sunday at 1:15pm. Baptism preparation class is required. Call 636-240-3721 ext 235 to register.



#### CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Those preparing for marriage should contact the parish office six months in advance. One party must be a registered member of Assumption and living an active, practicing Catholic life. Contact Angie at the Parish Office, xt 235.



#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



#### RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS

(RCIA) Process through which adults are initiated into the Catholic Church by Baptism or Profession of Faith. For more information, call Missy Lowrey 314-630-3983.



#### RITE of CONFESSION

Weekdays 7:30 - 7:50am Church  
Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45pm Church  
Or by appointment



#### FUNERALS

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



#### CONFIRMATION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 8th grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020 for more information.



#### FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020.

# Welcome

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*Hello,*

When the COVID-19 pandemic began in early 2020, various restrictions were put in place across the Archdiocese of St. Louis to help stop the spread of the virus. One of those restrictions was the stopping of the use of the common Communion chalice for the faithful. A few weeks ago Archbishop Rozanski announced that this restriction would be lifted beginning on the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), Sunday June 19, allowing parishes to resume this practice at the discretion of the pastor. Due to the recent rise in number of COVID cases over the last month, I have decided that we will not be making the Eucharist available under both species to the congregation at this time. This will also allow us a period to consider if we should modify any of our previous practices in the distribution of the common Communion chalice. This will help assure the safeguarding of any health concerns people may have, but also to assure that this practice will increase our reverence of the Eucharist.

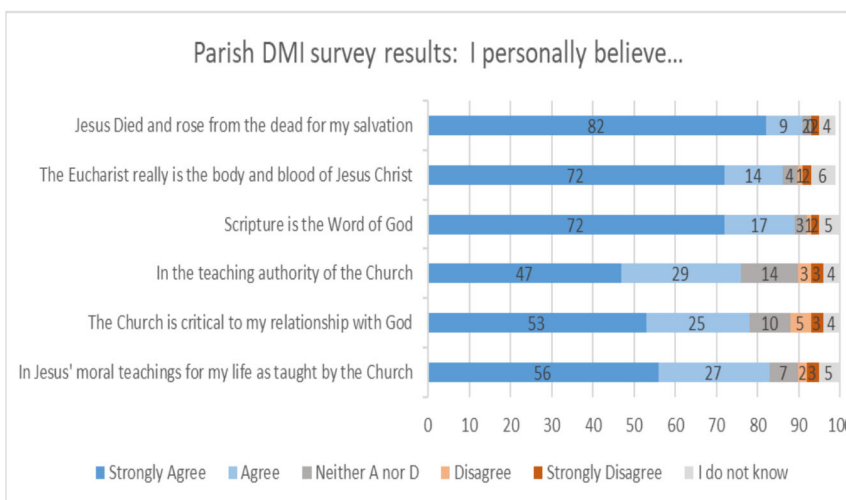
As many of us take vacations over the summer and also modify their normal Mass schedule for various reasons, it is also a time when it is more difficult to assure sufficient Eucharistic Ministers may be available for each Mass. Considering this, along with the fact that many of those ministers themselves might not feel comfortable receiving from the common Communion chalice yet, I am hoping that we will be able to reinstitute this practice at Assumption at the end of the summer.

While we are talking about the Eucharist I think it might be a good time to start looking at some of our Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey results. This was the survey the archdiocese invited us to take in March and 796 of our parishioners completed. One topic of questions was about our beliefs and a common question for Catholics is if they believe as the Church teaches that the Eucharist is the body and blood of Jesus Christ? As you can see the results below, 88% of our parishioners who responded do believe so, while the latest Pew research study on this topic in 2019 only identified 31% of Catholics believing this. Dealing with survey data and statistics can always be a challenge in how to interpret the data and what it really means. The Pew survey response rate went up to 63% for those who identified as regular Mass goers. It should also be realized that 88% of us who re-



sponded to the DMI attend Mass at least weekly.

As we begin to look at some of this data I think it can help us not only determine what needs to be said, but also how. If 89% believe Scripture



is the Word of God, and only 76% believe in the teaching authority of the Church, it might be more useful to quote the Bible than a pope or Church council. It's also useful to show how the Church teaching is based on Scripture. A few things to think about as we try to use these results to grow in our faith and as a parish.

*Peace, Fr. Nick*





**HOSPITALITY:**

Christian  
Kindness  
"We are ALL  
hospitality  
ministers"

Hospitality




**The Appreciation Dinner is Back!**  
Mark your calendar!  
**Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022**  
If you're 21 years of age and older, enjoy complimentary  
food and drink, live music, and lots of festivities...  
**Because we're so thankful you're here!**

**Update Membership Information for our 2022/23 Member & Ministry Directory**

Does our Parish database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Membership & Ministry Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

- Have you changed your phone number?
- Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon?
- Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record?
- Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the Parish Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Membership & Ministry Directory is correct by July 1st, 2022. The Parish Office number is 636.240.3721.

**2022/23 Member & Ministry Directory ~ Advertising Opportunity**

We are in the process of updating our annual Membership & Ministry Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Parish Office.

Recent survey results by Membership & Ministry Directory Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Membership & Ministry Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Membership & Ministry Directory.

**TODAY!****Corpus Christi  
Sunday**

Jesus, Body and Blood,  
we are grateful for the gift  
of your life  
and the way it strengthens us  
to live ours.  
Teach us to draw on the gift  
of your Body and Blood  
for energy, renewal,  
strength and grace.  
May we never take the gift  
of your presence for granted.  
Amen.



## Corpus Christi: **TODAY** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, June 19, the Church celebrates the feast of **Corpus Christi!** At the **12:00pm Mass**, after Communion, immediately after the prayer, a procession – with the consecrated Host placed in the Monstrance – will take place to the **Fatima Shrine** across the street where we will pause and offer a prayer.

We will then move to the **Lourdes Shrine** and again pause and offer a prayer. We will then process to the Assumption Chapel where the Eucharist will be exposed for Adoration. The golf cart will be available for those who need assistance. We do hope you will join us!



### June 23, 2022 – Solemnity of the Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ

GN 14:18-20; PS 110:1-4; 1 COR 11:23-26; LK 9:11B-17

Today, we observe the Solemnity of the of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This beautiful feast celebrates the gift of the Eucharist, which the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches is the source and summit of our Christian faith. **“For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ Himself”** (CCC 1324).

The very word, Eucharist, means “thanksgiving” or “gratitude,” and so this feast is especially meaningful to all of us who are striving to live as grateful stewards of all God’s blessings to us. Surely the Eucharist is the greatest of all blessings because it is not only from God, it is God — the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Today’s second reading from St. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians reminds us of the depths of love our Lord has shown us in the gift of the Eucharist, recalling Christ’s words at the very first Eucharistic celebration. **“The Lord Jesus... took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is for you.’”** In that moment, and at every celebration of the Mass thereafter, Jesus gives us His very Self in an act of complete humility and perfect love. How can we possibly show our gratitude for such a sublime gift?

We can — in our own imperfect way — follow our Lord’s example by giving generously of ourselves to others. Our Gospel reading from Luke recounts the miraculous multiplication of the loaves and fishes, when Jesus took the small offering of the five loaves and two fish and produced enough to satisfy the whole crowd with twelve baskets full of leftovers. This event is widely understood as a foreshadowing of the miracle that takes place at every Mass as the words of consecration are spoken by the celebrant and God transforms bread and wine into the Precious Body and Blood of Jesus.

And in contemplating this stunning show of Jesus’ power in feeding the crowd that evening, it is easy to overlook an important detail for us Christian stewards found in the brief statement our Lord makes just before performing the miracle. When the apostles suggest to Jesus that He should dismiss the hungry crowd so they could go and find some dinner, Jesus has another idea. **“Give them some food yourselves,”** He tells them. This is a seemingly impossible command. It would take work, effort, energy and resources the Apostles simply did not have. But Jesus is not asking the impossible. He is asking us to give Him what we do have for the sake of others — and let Him do the impossible with it.

This is the way we can at least attempt to thank Him for all His gifts and goodness to us. This is the essence of a stewardship way of life. When we gratefully offer back to our Lord the gifts He has given to us, He takes those same gifts and multiplies them beyond our wildest imaginings. And yet another miracle occurs — this sharing of ourselves and our gifts does not leave us with less, but with more — the satisfaction of living as Christ’s own disciple and an instrument of His grace in the world. As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, let us receive the gift of the Eucharist with the greatest possible reverence and love. And let’s give ourselves generously to others in the week ahead to show our gratitude for this wondrous gift — the gift of God Himself.

	MONDAY 06.20.22	TUESDAY 06.21.22	WEDNESDAY 06.22.22
Mass Times/Intentions	6:30am John Equia, Jr. 8:00am Robert Seger	6:30am Bridget Flavin 8:00am Anna Rose Ballmann	6:30am Lillian Zoellner 8:00am Larry Kiphart
Reconciliation	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Chapel Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Chapel Or by appointment



## CRHP Retreats are BACK!!

SAVE THE DATE

**Men's Retreat - Sept. 24/25 ~ Women's Retreat - Nov. 12/13**

Men's Retreat – Jim Seibert, [jim.seibert.sr@gmail.com](mailto:jim.seibert.sr@gmail.com) or (636) 324-2694

Women's Retreat – Jeannette Hamann, [abvmjeannette@yahoo.com](mailto:abvmjeannette@yahoo.com) or (636)240-3721 Ext. 247



### PRAYER:

A heart to heart with God  
"Our strength comes from the Eucharist"

### Our Lady Queen of Peace Shrine Mass!

**PLEASE JOIN US** for Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace Shrine located at 301 Coronation Dr, O'Fallon, MO 63366. (The Shrine actually faces Civic Park Dr.) Masses held the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm.

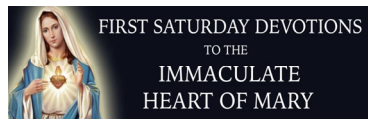
Presiders are scheduled as follows:

July 13 ~ Fr. Nick Kastenholz

August 10 ~ Fr. Jim Benz

September 14 ~ Fr. Dane Westhoff

Please bring a lawn chair. Masses will take place "Weather Permitting". For information call, Sylvia at 636-978-8803



First Saturday in July (3<sup>rd</sup>) we will have the **First Saturday Devotions to Our Blessed Mother**. After the 8:00am Mass, we will pray the Rosary and then recite the prayers for First Saturday. Please join us!

### Assumption Adoration Chapel

Adoration is available 24/7 in the old church by using the code at the north transit entrance. EXPOSITION on Tuesday begins after the 8:00am Mass and through Rosary at 6:15pm, followed by Perpetual Help Devotions. Please sign up at [assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com](http://assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com).

### Pray the Rosary Before Weekend Masses:

Please join us in Church 30 minutes before each weekend Mass for the Rosary. We gather and pray before the Holy Family Statue.

Prayer



SACRISTAN

### Assumption Sacristan Training

Sacristans (Pillar of Prayer – St. Francis) Mission Statement: We are the host, the server, and the guest for the banquet of the Eucharistic celebration, prepared so that our parish community may experience Christ's love and bring Christ to the world. Is God calling you to participate in the preparation of the Body and Blood of Christ to our parish community that we may become one as the Body of Christ for the entire world? If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Mary Keen at 636-699-0407 and a training will be scheduled. [mlkeen155@charter.net](mailto:mlkeen155@charter.net) for any questions

#### THURSDAY 06.23.22

6:30am Eddie Wills  
8:00am Madonna Mrzlack

7:30 - 7:50am Chapel  
Or by appointment

#### FRIDAY 06.24.22

6:30am Lillian Zoellner  
8:00am Patricia Francis Mueller

7:30 - 7:50am Chapel  
Or by appointment

#### SATURDAY 06.25.22

8:00am M.C. & Marge Gentemann  
5:00pm Mr. Ean Wimber

4:00-4:50pm Chapel  
Or by appointment

#### SUNDAY 06.26.22

8:00am People of the Parish  
10:00am Vern Quast  
12:00pm David S. Joseph  
5:30pm James McHugh

By appointment





## FORMATION

Continuous conversion of mind and heart  
"Following Jesus is the work of a lifetime"

Adult Formation



## 50+ Club Branson Holiday Show Extravaganza

- \*Motorcoach transportation \*4 nights lodging in the Branson area
- \*Admission to six fabulous shows at the *Sight and Sounds Theater* including:

### Three Morning Shows:

All Hands On Deck  
Doug Gabriel Morning Show  
The Neil Diamond Tribute Show

### Three Evening Shows:

The Duttons Christmas Show  
Presleys' Country Jubilee Christmas Show  
The Miracle of Christmas Show



**And much more!!** \*8 meals included: 4 breakfasts and 4 dinners, Dec. 5-9, 2022 (Mon-Fri) \$540/person, double occupancy. (departing from Assumption parking lot) Deposit of \$75/person due by July 25th. Final payment is due Sept. 28, 2022. Limited seats available! Sign up quickly with your deposit. (Diamond Tours video and restroom equipped) For Information and reservations, please contact Linda Lambing, (314) 599-8429.

## 50+ Barbeque! Monday, June 27 at 6pm



Members are invited to the KC Hall for a fellowship barbeque!!  
Hamburgers and hotdogs provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert. We can't wait to get together and share all that's happening with our Club and our members. Questions, please contact Bob or Liz at 636-240-8638 [lizallmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:lizallmeyer@gmail.com)

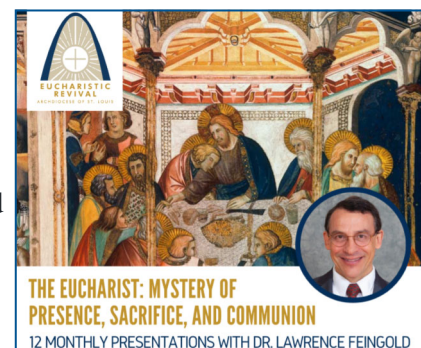


## Eucharistic Revival At ASSUMPTIONBM!

**The Eucharistic Revival**, a national effort led by The Most Revered Mitchell T. Rozanski, Archbishop of St. Louis, and other Bishops across the United States, is coming to Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in O'Fallon. All are invited to attend these powerful talks as Assumption serves as the host church for the western part of the St. Louis Archdiocese. (Held in Assumption Chapel)

**Come and experience!** "The Eucharist: Mystery Of, Presence, Sacrifice, and Communion," a series of presentations with Dr. Larry Feingold, Professor of Theology & Philosophy at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, will be held in the Chapel from 10 -11am on the second Saturday of the month on the following dates:

- July 9: Old Testament Figures of the Eucharist
- Aug. 13: Bread of Life Discourse and the Last Supper
- Sept. 10: The Fathers of the Church on the Eucharist
- Oct. 8: Christ's Presence in the Eucharist
- Nov. 12: The Sacrifice of the Mass
- Dec. 10: The Participation of the Faithful in the Offering of the Mass
- Jan. 14: The Common Priesthood of the Faithful and Ministerial Priesthood
- Feb. 11: The Fruits of the Sacrifice of the Mass
- March 11: The Graces of Holy Communion
- April 15: The Eucharist Builds Up the Communion of the Church
- May 20: Eucharistic Spirituality and the Eucharistic Life



Presentations will be held in the Assumption CHAPEL. Guests attending the presentations are encouraged to pre-register by emailing [martiochs@archstl.org](mailto:martiochs@archstl.org) or by calling 314-792-7413. For more information about the Eucharistic Revival, visit [allthingsnew.archstl.org/Ways-to-Engage/Eucharistic-Revival](http://allthingsnew.archstl.org/Ways-to-Engage/Eucharistic-Revival).

# Blingo

Hosted by the K of C Ladies  
Auxiliary 2269  
THURSDAY, June 23rd ~ Doors open at  
5:30pm ~ BLINGO starts at 6:30pm

**O'Fallon Knights of Columbus Hall, 202 West Third Street**

BLINGO with Park Lane Jewelry Prizes - Admission \$15. Includes 8 rounds of BLINGO. 4 BINGO cards per round. Extra sheets of 4 cards available, \$3/sheet. Earn additional sheets of BINGO cards with purchase of Jewelry

SNACKS are welcome - Cash Bar available, Raffle Baskets and 50/50

Cash and checks accepted, Proceeds benefit local charities

Reservations appreciated.  
Contact Margie Prinster, 636-577-1369  
or [Margerry1@gmail.com](mailto:Margerry1@gmail.com)



**FORMATION**  
Continuous conversion of mind and heart  
"Following Jesus is the work of a lifetime"



Heavenly Father, we your children ask you to bless us as your patriarchs of old would bless their sons, so that we might be good and faithful stewards who do your will and bring greater glory to you. We pray that with your grace, we may please you in imitation of your beloved Son with whom you were well pleased. We also ask you to bless all earthly fathers, that they may embrace their vocations, and that they may know they are loved by you and their families. We ask all this in the name of your Son, Jesus.

Amen.





**SERVICE:**Love in  
action

"Truly I tell  
you,  
whatever  
you did for  
one of  
the least  
of these  
brothers and  
sisters of  
mine, you  
did for me."

Matthew  
25:40

## MOScholars Offers New Assumption School Families Financial Assistance

If you think you can't afford a Catholic education at Assumption School, think again. Additional financial assistance is now available in Missouri, and new students are encouraged to apply!

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish is excited to publicize that the Office of the Missouri State Treasurer has approved the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation (TTEF) as an Educational Assistance Organization (EAO) for the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program (MOScholars). The new MOScholars scholarships are for new students and can be used toward your Assumption School tuition.

Qualified students in elementary and secondary school who are new to Assumption must meet the following criteria:

1. Is a member of a household whose total annual income does not exceed an amount equal to 100% of the income standard used to qualify for free and reduced lunches (refer to guidelines below), and meets at least one of the following:
  - Attended a public school as a full-time student for at least one semester during the previous twelve months
  - or
  - Is a child who is eligible to begin kindergarten or first grade.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES (Effective July 1, 2022)			
Household Size	Annual Income		
	Free & Reduced Lunch		
	200%		100%
1	\$ 50,284		\$ 25,142
2	\$ 67,748		\$ 33,874
3	\$ 85,212		\$ 42,606
4	\$ 102,676		\$ 51,338
5	\$ 120,140		\$ 60,070
6	\$ 137,604		\$ 68,802
7	\$ 155,068		\$ 77,534
8	\$ 172,532		\$ 86,266

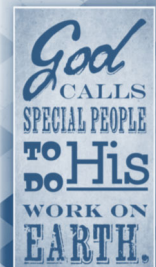
Income eligibility guidelines are determined annually by the federal government. You can find that information at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-02-16/pdf/2022-03261.pdf>

If funding remains available after all students who meet these qualifications have been served, then the next category of qualified students is considered and includes any student who:

2. Is a member of a household whose total annual income does not exceed 200% of the standard used to qualify for free and reduced lunches (refer to guidelines above) and meets at least one of the following qualifications:
  - Attended a public school as a full-time student for at least one (1) semester during the previous twelve (12) months
  - or
  - Is a child who is eligible to begin kindergarten or first grade.

To find out if you qualify for this new scholarship program, take the family pre-qualification survey that recently opened online at <https://esasurvey.paperform.co/>. Don't delay! New families could get up to \$6,375 for tuition assistance for the 2022-23 school year.

For more information about Catholic educational scholarships, visit <https://ttef-stl.org/moscholars/>. We just can't wait for your child to be a part of Assumption's loving school family.





ASSUMPTION  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
O'FALLON, MISSOURI



## 22nd Annual Golf Tournament

The Falls Golf Club | Saturday August 27, 2022

### Event Details:

4 Person Scramble

11:30-12:45 Registration and Lunch

1:00 Shotgun Start

6:00 (approximately) – Dinner and Awards following Golf



**Men and Women of all ages and abilities are Welcome!**

Entry Fee includes:

Golf, Cart, Mulligans, Skins, Lunch, Dinner, All Beer, Water, and Soda throughout the event.

### Team Registration

**Cost \$125 per Player\* (\$500 per Team)**

Registration and payment is only available via the Assumption School website under Activities:

<http://assumptionbvmschool.org/>

- Registration Fee must be paid on line by August 15
- Registration Fee is \$150 after August 15

## Tournament Sponsor Opportunities

### FOOD SPONSOR - \$3000

Company name listed as the Official Food sponsor on banner prominently displayed at course.

Includes golf for 4 at the tournament.

### OASIS DRINK SPONSOR - \$1000

Company name listed as the Official Oasis Drink Sponsor. Company name prominently displayed.

Access to contribute to "give-a-way" bag.

### DOUBLE EAGLE SPONSOR- \$500

Company name displayed on sign designated as Double Eagle Sponsor on tee box. Company name listed on Sponsor Banner displayed at course.

Access to contribute to "give-a-way" bag.

### EAGLE SPONSOR- \$250

Company name displayed on sign designated as Eagle Sponsor on tee box. Company name listed on Sponsor Banner displayed at course.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

- 1 Peter 4:10

Service

## Your Support is Why Assumption School is Special!

All proceeds benefit Assumption Catholic education programs.

Registration must be paid on line at Assumption School website under Activities: <http://assumptionbvmschool.org/>

Sponsor payments can be made via website or check (made out to Assumption School) and mailed to: Assumption Golf Tournament c/o Mike Bigler, 17 Lord Albert Ct., O'Fallon MO 63366

For questions on Sponsorship please email Mike Bigler at [michael.bigler@bjc.org](mailto:michael.bigler@bjc.org) or call 314-915-5968



## Our Gifts to God and Parish

STEWARDSHIP  
a way of life

### Weekly Offertory

June 6, 2022

7/1/2021 - 5/29/22

Actual Collections	\$	35,255	\$	1,792,475
Budget Target	\$	42,500	\$	1,898,500
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$	(7,245)	\$	(106,025)

The Bible Teaches It (Mal 3:10-12)

We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36)

God Honors It (Gen 14:18-20)

### TITHING

#### Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school

Original Loan	\$ 3,306,127
Current balance owed	\$ 1,198,954
Monthly payment	\$ 20,923

Last expected payment, August 2026

*We are grateful to you for your presence,  
your participation, and your financial  
support of Assumption Parish.*



## History of Catechesis and RCIA

In the Gospel of Matthew we find the Great Commission. Christ sends forth of the Apostles as missionaries with the command: ***"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit"*** (Matt. 28:19; NASB) Beginning with Our Lord's earliest command that ***"all nations"*** be initiated into His Church and throughout the history of that Church that followed, it is natural that many coming to faith and entering the Church would be adults. The term "catechumen" is used today to mean exactly what it meant in biblical times when St. Paul writes to the Galatians regarding ***"the one who is taught the word (Greek: catechumens)"*** (Gal. 6:6; NASB). Church Fathers St. Justin Martyr (2nd century A.D.), Tertullian (3rd century A.D.), St. Augustine (5th century A.D.), and many others reference periods of instruction and preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, the Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation) during the period known as the "catechumenate."

So, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) tells us: *"From the time of the apostles, becoming a Christian has been accomplished by a journey and initiation in several stages. This journey can be covered rapidly or slowly, but certain essential elements will always have to be present: proclamation of the Word, acceptance of the Gospel entailing conversion, profession of faith, Baptism itself, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and admission to Eucharistic communion."*[1]

The catechumenate was especially important and prominent in the early Church since, first, as previously mentioned, many (perhaps most) entered the Church for the first time as adults; and second, the early Church experienced several periods of severe persecution and it was critical that those entering the Church be well instructed in the faith for which they risked their lives.

The CCC acknowledges that the catechumenate was reinvigorated and RCIA established much later when the second Vatican Council restored for the Latin Church *"the catechumenate for adults, comprising several distinct steps."* The rites for these stages are to be found in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)."[2]

This initiative of Vatican 2 has resulted in the RCIA programs, the pathways into the Church for adults seeking after Our Lord, which we have in our parishes today. *The Mystical Humanity of Christ Publishing.*

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*"...living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into Him...from whom the whole body, held and joined together by every supporting ligament brings about the body's growth and builds itself in love."*

Adult Formation



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